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GENERAL: Limited rainfall and above normal temperatures last week continued to push crop maturity, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Across the State, dryland crop conditions rated mostly fair to good. Crop maturity for soybeans and sorghum remained near normal, however, corn continued to mature ahead of average. Other producer activities included grain harvest preparations, hay harvest, and seeding wheat.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week in the eastern half of the State averaged near normals while the western half averaged four to six degrees above normals. Light precipitation was scattered across the State.

CROPS: **Corn** condition rated 5% very poor, 9 poor, 24 fair, 44 good, and 18 excellent. Irrigated corn was 76% good to excellent while dryland corn rated 42% good to excellent. Ninety-seven percent of the fields had reached the dough stage, compared with 96 last year and 94 average. Seventy-six percent had dented which compared to 81 last year and 62 average. The crop rated mature on 13% of the acreage, compared to 19 last year and 6 average. Corn for silage harvest was in full swing with seed corn harvest just beginning.

Soybean condition declined and rated 7% very poor, 16 poor, 33 fair, 34 good, and 10 excellent. Leaves had turned color on 24% of the crop, compared to 54 last year and 22 average. Leaves were dropping on 6% of the acreage and compares with 22 last year and 6 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2% very poor, 8 poor, 34 fair, 50 good, and 6 excellent. The crop had turned color on 66% of the acreage and compared with 60 last year and 48 average. Two percent was mature, compared with 23 last year and 5 average.

The **dry bean** crop had turned color on 60% of the acreage compared to 56 last year and 67 average. Thirty-one percent had dropped leaves, compared to 45 last year and 28 average. **Millet** harvest progressed to 17% combined to date, compared with 6 last year and 2 average. **Wheat** seeding was underway with 4% drilled to date. This compares with 3% for last year and average.

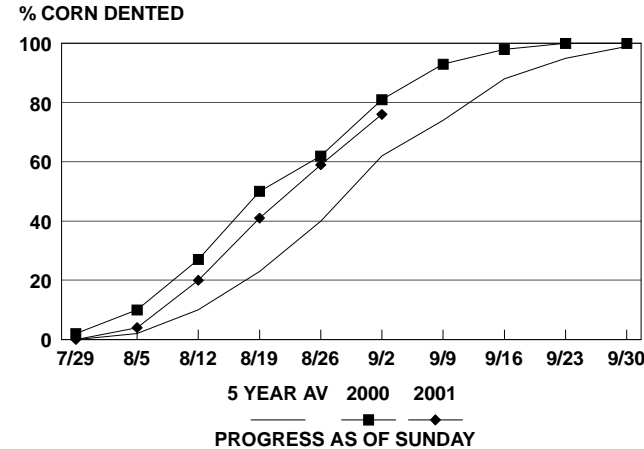
Third cutting **alfalfa** activities advanced to 91% complete, compared to 93 last year and 81 average. Fourth cutting was underway in several areas with 6% cut to date. This compared to 25% last year and 6 average. Condition rated 6% very poor, 18 poor, 34 fair, 36 good, and 6 excellent.

Pasture and range condition rated 9% very poor, 19 poor, 41 fair, 28 good, and 3 excellent.

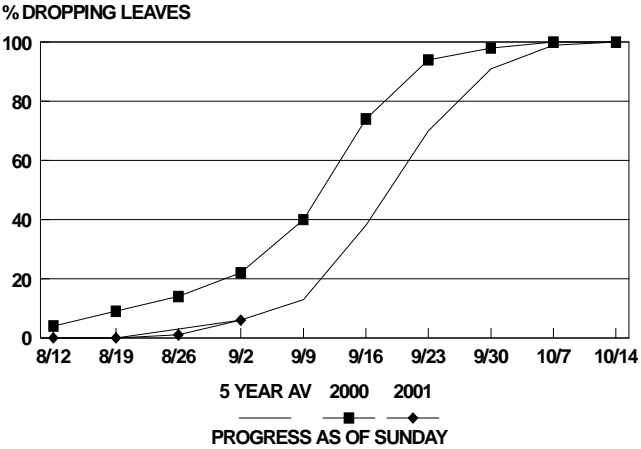
PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2001

ITEM	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Dough	91	96	98	95	98	98	99	99	97	94	96	94
% Corn Dent	24	73	75	78	83	61	86	88	76	59	81	62
% Corn Mature	0	5	14	11	18	3	8	20	13	7	19	6
% Soybeans Turning Color	n/a	16	21	25	29	38	19	19	24	12	54	22
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	0	0	2	11	4	3	6	6	1	22	6
% Sorghum Turning Color	n/a	72	32	60	75	52	62	67	66	30	60	48
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	0	0	2	6	0	3	2	2	0	23	5
% Wheat seeded	4	15	0	0	0	6	0	1	4	0	3	3
% Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	73	90	98	90	96	96	98	99	91	80	93	81
% Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	0	2	8	1	6	6	14	10	6	0	25	6
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	7.0	6.7	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.7	6.4	5.9	6.8	
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	11	15	11	4	50	9	21	17	16	9	65	
- % Short	45	43	29	40	32	25	24	54	38	40	28	
- % Adequate	44	41	59	56	18	62	55	29	45	50	7	
- % Surplus	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	12	19	5	17	52	14	24	21	19	13	72	
- % Short	42	39	36	47	34	40	39	53	41	42	26	
- % Adequate	46	41	58	36	14	43	37	26	39	45	2	
- % Surplus	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	

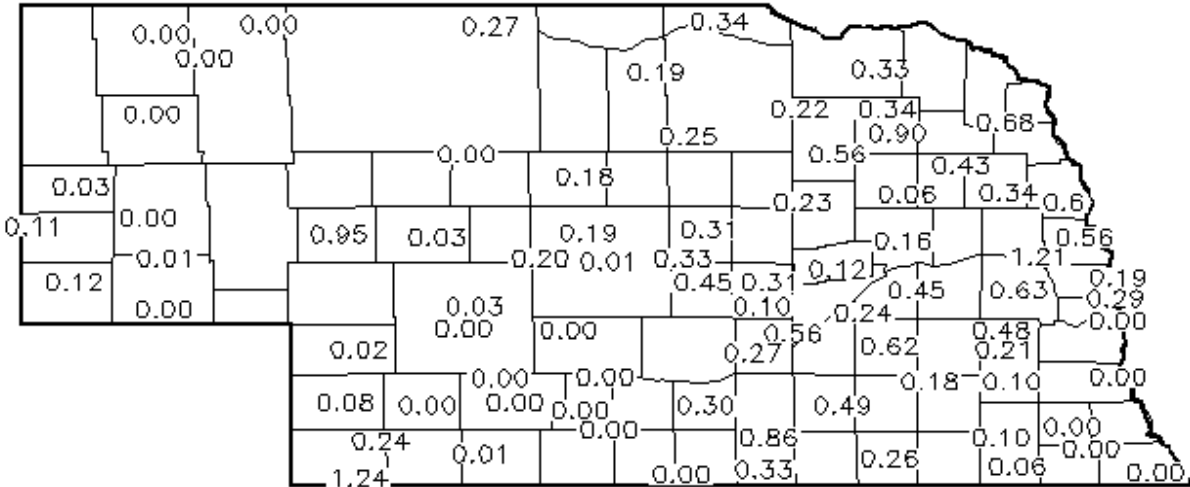
CORN DENTED



SOYBEANS DROPPING LEAVES



PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2001¹



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - September 2, 2001 ¹							
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.12	.17	.41	.25	.35	.22	.19	.17
Total since April 1	11.49	17.72	21.87	16.48	18.85	14.10	18.02	24.96
Normal since April 1	11.88	14.91	16.96	16.14	18.08	14.15	16.10	18.83
Total as % of normal	97%	118%	129%	102%	104%	99%	112%	131%

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE AND GROWING DEGREE DAY DATA, NEBRASKA,
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2001¹

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Day Data Since April 15		
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		Max	Min					
NW	Chadron	96	45	73	---	---	---	---
	Scottsbluff	98	50	74	+5	140	2420	2204
	Sidney	97	50	73	---	145	2293	2262
NC	Valentine	97	47	74	+6	---	---	---
	Arthur	---	---	---	---	144	2421	2385
	O'Neill	---	---	---	---	153	2538	2531
NE	Norfolk	92	52	71	+1	---	---	---
	Sioux City	90	51	69	-1	---	---	---
	Concord	---	---	---	---	141	2537	2580
	Elgin	---	---	---	---	150	2551	2587
CEN	West Point	---	---	---	---	144	2630	2726
	Grand Island	93	54	74	+4	154	2702	2618
	Ord	90	51	72	---	165	2695	2599
	Kearney	---	---	---	---	152	2704	2592
EC	Lincoln	95	54	74	+2	164	2933	2864
	Omaha	91	57	72	+2	---	---	---
	Central City	---	---	---	---	155	2662	2656
SW	Mead	---	---	---	---	149	2748	2822
	Imperial	98	52	74	---	---	---	---
	North Platte	89	51	71	+2	151	2556	2461
SC	Curtis	---	---	---	---	155	2626	2497
	Holdrege	---	---	---	---	152	2699	2573
SE	Red Cloud	---	---	---	---	169	3028	2648
	Beatrice	---	---	---	---	151	2826	2865
	Clay Center	---	---	---	---	145	2716	2642

¹ Temperature data furnished by National Weather Service, Valley, NE. Growing Degree Day data furnished by High Plains Climate Center.

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